

**BIOGRAPHY of
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
GARY L. LANCASTER**

Chief Judge GARY L. LANCASTER was born in Brownsville, Pennsylvania, where he attended the public schools. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education from Slippery Rock State College in 1971 and a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1974.

He was admitted to the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1974. From 1974 to 1978, he served as Regional Counsel for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and as Assistant District Attorney for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. In 1978, he entered the private practice of law, specializing in criminal and civil litigation. He was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge and took the oath of office on October 23, 1987. He was appointed to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania by President William J. Clinton, and took the oath of office on December 17, 1993.

Chief Judge Lancaster served as Chair of the District Court's Space and Facilities Committee. As such, he was charged with

primary responsibility for overseeing the 75 million dollar renovation of the District Court's historic United States Courthouse. He has also served as Chair of the District Court's Local Rules Committee and is the current chair of the court's Strategic Planning Committee. In September of 2009, he became Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

In August of 2004, he was appointed by Chief Judge Anthony J. Scirica of the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to the committee to draft standard civil jury instructions for the Third Circuit. In June of 2004, he was appointed by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Resources. In June of 2011, he was unanimously elected to serve as the Third Circuit's District Judge representative to the Judicial Conference of the United States from October of 2011 through October of 2014.

Chief Judge Lancaster has been asked to speak at numerous continuing legal education seminars on a variety of topics, including employment law, criminal procedure, courtroom technology, and privacy rights.

Chief Judge Lancaster is a designated patent judge under the Patent Pilot Program, which is a ten-year program designed by Congress to enhance expertise in patent cases among federal judges at the district court level. He has been asked to speak throughout the country on topics related to patent law and patent litigation. Judge Lancaster regularly participates in programs organized by the Pittsburgh and New York Intellectual Property Law Associations and has attended seminars on managing patent litigation and on the law of genetics. Representative patent cases include Muniauction Inc. v. Thomson Corporation, 01-1003; Respironics, Inc. v. Invacare Corp., 04-0336; Joy MM Delaware, Inc. v. Sandvik AB, 06-0262; and Judkins v. HT Window Fashions Corp., 07-0251.

Judge Lancaster is a member of the Community Advisory Board of Directors of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and a member of various civic, religious, and charitable groups. Additionally, he is the author of several law-related articles and other published works.